(d) whether any assessment has been made about the impact of this scheme on Madarsa education and its modernization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Since 1993-94, the Central Government has been implementing a scheme of Financial Assistance for Modernization of Madarsa Education through State Governments under which 100% financial assistance is provided. Its objective is to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsa/Maktabs to teach modern subjects such as Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi, without any interference in their traditional curriculum. Under the scheme, salary of maximum two teachers @ Rs. 3000/- pm for Primary teacher and Rs. 4000/- pm for Secondary teacher, besides one-time grants of Rs. 7000/- per Madarsa, for the pruchase of Science/Math kits and a lump sum amount of Rs. 7000/- per madarsa for book-bank for strengthening of libraries is also provided through State Government. It is clarified that the teachers are not appointed by the Central Government or State Governments, they are appointed by the NGOs/Madarsas/Maktabs itself. From Tenth Five Year Plan, it has been merged in the unified scheme of Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme. The funds allocated for the last three years i.e. 2002-03 and 2003-04 were Rs. 3150.00 lakh each and for 2004-2005 is Rs. 2900.00 lakh respectively.

Funds and future plans for women and child development

3315. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds earmarked for women and child development schemes during the last two years;

(b) the details of these funds utilized by various States; and

(c) the details of the projects likely to be undertaken during the next two years for development of women and child development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Details of funds earmarked for women and child development schemes and funds released to the states during the last two years are available in the Annual Reports (2002-03 & 2003-04) of the Department which are available in the Library of Rajya Sabha.

(c) Projects under various schemes of the Department (as referred above)

would continue to be undertaken during the next two years, as approved in the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07).

Welfare of adolescent children

3316. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plans to provide shelter, health care and education to adolescent children;

(b) whether Government have set up Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) throughout the country for welfare of these adolescent children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Various programmes are already being implemented by the Government to provide shelter, health care and education to adolescents. These include:

(i) an Ingegrated Programme for Street Children (beneficiaries includes adolescents).

(ii) schemes for the educational empowerment for schedule castes viz. (a) Centrally sponsored scheme of Girls and boys hostels belonging to scheduled castes, (b) centrally sponsored scheme of coaching and allied assistance for weaker sections including scheduled castes, other backward classes and minorities, (c) centrally sponsored scheme of pre-metric scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupation.

(iii) Under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, free and compulsory elementary education is being provided to all children including girls in the age group 6-14 years. Two focussed interventions—(a) National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) for enhancing girls education in educationally backward blocks and (b) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalaya (KGBV) Scheme have also been launched for setting up residential schools at elementary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and minority.

(iv) Kishori Shakti Yojana.

(v) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls.

Moreover, a comprehensive adolescent friendly health care package of services is being proposed under RCHII on a pilot basis in 75 districts in